(b) If so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THEMINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The Government have received recommendations on the link between Standards and ambient pollution from the NIPFP. The recommendation is as follows : —

> "Though Central Pollution Control Board has laid down ambient air and water quality standards, the actual enforcement provisions relate to source pollution. Accordingly, regulation has largely concentrated on enforcing source specific standards... It is quite possible that there is no violation of source specific standards at all and yet the ambient standards are violated, simply because the source specific standards have not been made consistent with the ambient standards in terms of the volume of pollution causing activities. In principle the source specific standards should be made more stringent over time as the volume of such activities increases in order to support a given ambient air or water quality standard."

(c) The Government of India has notified only the minimal National Standards for pollution. The State Boards are free to prescribe ambient-linked stricter standrads for a particular area within the State.

Agro Producing Industry

*106. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the traditional industrialists are now fast shifting from engineering to agro producing industry ;

(b) If so, whether in the changed scenario, the farmers will continue to be the raw-material producers of such industrialists who in turn be continuous exploiters of the farmers;

(c) whether Government have any plans to introduce latest technology for very small scale agro processing industry which are well within the reach of the farmers so as to enable them to facilitate value addition to their produce; and

(d) whether the farmers would be allowed to process their produce without any licence etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes Sir. Some existing industrialists are trying to diversify from engineering to agro-processing industry.

(b) No, Sir. Agro-processing units will enable farmers to have better return for their produce. Famrers can also set up such agro processing uints.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes. Sir. Except for brewing and distillation of alcoholic beverages, all other agro-processing units under the purview of this Ministry can be set up by farmers without an industrial licence.

Caste Violence in Varansi

*107. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the killing of two persons in Varanasi area durin the second week of February, 1994 resulted in caste violence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home Shri P. M. Sayeed, had recently visited the spot and made inquiries into the episode;

(c) If so, what are the findings thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that this led to increased tension in Uttar Pradesh recently; and

(e) what are the details in this regard ?

The Minister of HOME AFFAIRS (Shri S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) Following the killings of four persons, there were incidents of violence in Varanasi.

(b) and (c) Shri Sayeed's vist to Varanasi was not in his official capacity.

(d) and (e) : While there was some tension in certain parts of the State immediately following the incidents which took place, during 4—7 February, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has taken necessary steps to bring the situation under control, including the deployment of of police and PAC in sensitive areas. The situation has since considerably improved and strict vigil is being maintained.

A one-man Judicial Commission, headed by Justice (Retired) Mirza Mohd. Murtza Hussain, has been appointed by the State Government to enquire into the incidents.

Infiltrators from Bangladesh in various Parts of the Country

*108. SHRI K. R. MALKANI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be please to State :

(a) whether it is a fact that 2,500 Bangladesh have illegally settled down even in Bikaner, which is thousands of kilometres from Bangladesh ;

(b) what are the details regarding the number of infiltrating Bangladeshis in different States and Union Territories of India;

(c) what steps Government are taking to stop this infiltration and send back the infiltrators; and

(d) what is the measure of success achieved in this repsect during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (d) There are no reports with Government that 2,500 Bangladeshis have illegally settled down in Binaker district in Rajasthan. However, Government is aware of the problem of illegal Bangladeshis nationals who surreptitiously enter the country and are able to mingle easily with the local population because of ethnic and linguistic similarities. As such, it is difficult to have a firm estimate of the number of Bangladeshi nationals who have illegally settled down in the country, There are standing instructions to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to intensify efforts to detect such illegal Bangladeshi national and depoit them to Barglades and to also sensitise the local population about the seriousness of the problem. Besides, various others measures, including strangthening of the Prevention of Infiltration Foreigners (PIF) and Mobile Task Force (MTF) Schemes, issue of Identity Cards to people residing in the border areas, etc; have also been taken/are being taken to detect and deport them. Efforts are also continuing through official level discussions with the Bangladesh Government to settle means to amicably resolve the problem of infiltration from across the border.

पेट्रोलियम कंजरवेशन रिसर्च एसोसिएशन की खोजें

*109. **श्रीमति सुषमा स्वराज :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पेट्रोलियम कजंरवेशन रिसर्च एसोसिएशन ने ऐसे विभिन्न तरीके ईजाद किए हैं जिनसे देश में 7 लाख किलोलीटर पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की बचत की जा सकती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं;

(ग) देश में इस लक्ष्य की प्राप्ति के लिए क्या-क्या उपाय मौजूद हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इन उपायों को लागू करने के बारे में गंभीरता पूर्वक मनन किया है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उपर्युक्त उद्देश्य के लिए इससे संबंधित परियोजना के क्रियान्वयन पर कुल कितना व्यय होने के सम्भावना है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालत के राज्य मंत्री कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा (क) से (ङ) पेट्रोलियम सरक्षण अनु संधान संघ (पी सी आर ए) के माध्यम से तथा इसके द्वारा किए गए विभिन्न कार्य-कलापों